three districts-Latur in Maharashtra, Nalanda in Bihar and Nainital in Uttaranchal in 2007. In the Pilot project, subsidized kerosene through Smart Card is proposed to be available to BMP families while all other ration card holders would be given non-subsidized kerosene. An independent agency will be engaged to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) would ensure adequate availability of PDS as well as non-subsidized kerosene during the entire period of implementation of the Pilot.

New oil refinery at Bikaner

†2995. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to set up an oil refinery in Bikaner, Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, by when the work thereon will begin together with the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to set up an oil refinery in Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Conservation and Illuminations of 15 historic monuments

2996. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to conserve and illuminate 15 historical monuments of the capital in view of ensuing Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) if so, what will happen when there will be no power supply which is also a character of the capital supply, then how the inherent historic culture of the capital city will be placed before the tourists/public; and

(c) whether any financial allocation had been made to meet the expected amount of power bill?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned an amount of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Rs. 2375.09 lakh for the Project-Illumination/lighting of the 13 ASI monuments in NCT of Delhi under the Major Destination Development Scheme.

(b) and (c) The Archaeological Survey of India will be fully responsible for the maintenance, management, operation and for recurring expenditure on the facilities created under this project. There is no provision for back-up facility.

Promotion of Rural Tourism Project in Tamil Nadu

2997. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified some of the destination in Tamil Nadu for promotion under the Rural Tourism Project;

(b) if so, details thereof and the locations which are identified for the same; and

(c) by when these Rural Tourism Project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism has been working towards development and promotion of identified rural sites including the State of Tamil Nadu having potential for tourism. The projects for tourism infrastructure development and capacity building are sanctioned based on the proposals received from the State Governments for such identified sites. The list of such projects taken up in Tamil Nadu during Tenth five year plan is as follows:

Infrastructure Creation:

(i) Rs. 48.66 lakh for Kazhugumalia in 2003-04
(ii) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Theerthamalai in 2003-04
(iii) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Karaikudi in 2003-04
(iv) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Devipattanam navbhashman in 2005-06
(v) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Thirukurungudi in 2005-06
(vi) Rs. 49.55 lakh Thiruppudaimaurthur in 2005-06
(vii) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Kombai in 2006-07
(viii) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Thadiyandudissai in 2006-07